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A City Subscriber's Apostrophe to the Cross Roads Press.

The country newspaper? Life without you would be a dreary waste. Your weekly visit is anxiously awaited, and should the mail carrier fail to bring you on the day expected, my heart is sad, says the *Chicago Times-Herald*.

Fifty times a year you bring me all the news from home. You faithfully chronicle the deaths and marriages of the neighborhood. You keep me posted on parties, church socials and village gossip, and you tell me what the prospects are for good or poor crops, as the case might be. If Farmer Jones, on the Ridge road, brings a prize pumpkin to your office, I know all about it, although hundreds of miles away, as soon as some of his neighbors.

Country newspaper? Well may I say that "life without you would be a dreary waste." Once a week you are to me an oasis in the desert of this hurly-burly life in a great city.

The city man who does not take his "home" paper, providing he was reared in the country, does not know what real enjoyment he misses. The news I get out of one issue is worth more than the yearly subscription. I devour every line of the local gossip and neighborhood correspondences, and when I lay the paper aside I praise the country editor for giving me this privilege.

Letters from home are very welcome, but one doesn't get as much news in a hundred letters as he does in one issue of the home paper. And letters are so uncertain; you sometimes have to wait six months for a reply to your last one. But if you are a subscriber to the country paper, it comes to you regularly every week, rain or shine. You may be a little in arrears, but the country editor sends the paper right along in the hope that you will some day settle up matters.

To the man who cannot visit his old home every year or two the weekly perusal of his home paper is almost as good as a trip to boyhood scenes. He reads where the little freckle-faced girl who sat behind him at school was married to a city chap who holds a "lucrative position with a street car company"—probably a motorman; he is informed that the boy who was known as the bully of the school was arrested for wife desertion and is "incarcerated in the county bastille"; he learns from his home paper that "the Thornton family will hold a reunion."

The "midnight marauders steal seventeen chickens from Jake Becker's coop," it is nicely told in the country paper, and the editor would be driven out of town if he failed to make a note of the benefit party at the Odd Fellows' hall for the M. E. church, which was a "grand success socially and financially." The receipts, by the way, "amounted to over seven dollars."

If your wife dies he tells of her many good traits of character and that she "bore her last illness with christian fortitude"; if your son gets married the country editor tells what a promising young man he is and what an "estimable and charming young lady" is the bride. If the crops are bad the country editor sympathizes with the farmer, and if the harvest is good he rejoices. He gives away hundreds of dollars worth of advertising every year for which he scarcely receives a polite "Thank you"; he is looked upon by many people as an object of charity, and when they pay him their subscription they say to themselves, "Well, it will help to keep him out of the poorhouse for awhile"; he works harder and puts in more hours of labor than any man in town—if he didn't, he would be in the poorhouse.

Oh, Country Editor! Dear friend, I derive much happiness every week from reading your paper, and wish it were in my power to make your business ten-fold better paying than it is. May your advertising increase until you are compelled to print a larger paper, and may your subscribers come to your office or send you by mail the money due you. May your days be full of happiness and at night when you sit around the family hearthstone may your thoughts be those of sweet contentment.

Extension of Limit on Seashore Excursion Tickets.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that the return limit on tickets from Lock Haven, Erie and intermediate points, for the special excursions of August 10 and 24, to Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City, Ocean City, Avalon, Angelsea, Wildwood or Holly Beach, has been extended from ten days to fifteen days, thus allowing excursionists five days longer by the sea.

The low rates offered by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for an excursion to the seashore Thursday, August 10th, will allow excursionists to go either to Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City, Ocean Grove, Avalon, Angelsea, Wildwood or Holly Beach.

Sunday School Convention.

The Washington Township Sabbath School Association convened in the Grove Summit, M. E. church, Grove Summit, Pa., Thursday, August 3rd, 1899. The program, with slight changes, was carried out. Those assigned subjects to speak upon presented them in such a way that, no doubt, much good has been done in stirring up the superintendents, assistant superintendents and teachers, but especially the superintendents, that it is likely Washington township may have a better corps of superintendents, not of the dead, but of the alive, active, soul-inspiring kind to carry on the Sabbath school work of the future within its bounds and neighboring schools.

The music was good, inspiring to some and, no doubt, helpful to all, consisting of solo, duet, quartettes, and a general joining in by nearly all present. The recitations were appropriate and suitable for the occasion. The hospitality of the Grove Summit people is not easily surpassed. Dinner and supper were, without shortcoming, served in the church and on the grounds which is the usual custom of the association to do in the summer sessions of their conventions, and especially the former, owing to the short time between the morning and afternoon sessions, and it being a fine day it was a pleasant outing for the conventioners.

The association has, with recently two schools being added, sixteen schools, of which ten were represented at this convention. At the summer convention the officers are elected for the following year, which are as follows: President, W. C. Smith, Rockdale Mills; vice-president, R. H. McIntosh, Falls Creek; treasurer, F. B. Harvey, Grove Summit, and secretary, Miss Mina Kearney, Lane's Mills. There is also an executive committee composed of one member from each school in the association, whose business it is to prepare programs, fix dates, &c., for the convention.

The association also has a map and banner which it awards to two schools. The banner for the largest per capita contribution during the six months for missions, the map for the largest increase in percentage in attendance for the six months. Sandy Valley Union Sabbath school received the map, Grove Summit M. E. Sabbath school received the banner.

It was decided to hold the next convention in the Coal Glen M. E. church, Coal Glen, Pa., at such time as the executive committee shall decide.

Rathmel.

James Kinnerberg went to Ford City last week.

Mrs. Haven is visiting her parents at Summerville.

John Smith had business in Brookville Monday of this week.

George S. Keagle is agent for the Reynoldsville Steam Laundry.

John Bowser and Herbert Harris were in DuBois Monday of this week.

Rev. Chisholm, pastor of the Presbyterian church, after a month's vacation, is again at his work and preached here Sunday evening.

Mrs. S. E. Brison and daughter, Miss Roxie, George S. Keagle and W. G. Harris were at Cool Spring Sunday attending the dedication of the Church of God.

Elder S. G. Yahn, of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, preached in the Church of God here Monday evening. Mr. Yahn dedicated the church at Cool Spring Sunday, August 6th.

Paradise.

George Myers is hauling lumber to open a new coal bank.

Miss Etta Sykes, of Reynoldsville, visited friends in town one day last week.

Miss Orpha Beer, of West Reynoldsville, visited her many friends in town last week.

Persons going to the Syphrit coal mines for blackberries should watch for blacksnakes for there has been several of them killed there.

John Hollenbaugh, one of the clerks at the large grocery store at Wishaw, was in town last week looking after some important business.

Reduced Rates to Mt. Gretna.

On account of the Farmer's Exposition to be held at Mt. Gretna, Pa., August 14 to 19, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets to Mt. Gretna and return at rate of one fare for the round trip from principal stations between East Liberty and Bryn Mawr, including Lutherville, and on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division east of and including Waterford. Tickets will be sold August 12 to 19, good to return until August 21, inclusive. For information in regard to train service and specific rates, application should be made to ticket agents.

Rural District.

James Vandervort smiles—it is a boy. George Henry has a very sick horse. Lung fever is the trouble.

James M. Deemer moved his carpenter tools to Skunk Hollow to do some work there.

A. B. Brumbaugh, a woodsman of Forest county, was in this place a few days last week visiting friends.

John Syphrit upset a load of bark last week and broke nothing. D. L. Brumbaugh, who was helping, got his leg skinned some.

Samuel Bollinger was cutting oats the other day and his cradle came in contact with his dog. It took several stitches to sew up the wound in the dog's hip.

A number of young folks called at the home of D. L. and M. S. Brumbaugh last Saturday evening. The hours were pleasantly whiled away with social chat and plenty of ice cream to eat.

About fifty friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Foltz one day last week and took dinner with them. It was Mrs. Foltz's birthday and she received a nice lot of presents.

Stabbed in the Back.

The peaceful hamlet of Lane's Mills, two miles above town, was the scene of considerable excitement Wednesday night, occasioned by a stabbing affair, the participants of which were Charles Heverly, of Lane's Mills, and James Lucas, of Crenshaw, and as a result the former is now lying at his home in a precarious condition from a knife wound in the back, and the latter, who it is alleged wielded the knife, is languishing in Brookville jail awaiting trial at the next court term, charged with aggravated assault and battery with intent to kill. The affair is the result of an old feud, with a woman innocently mixed into it.—Brookwayville Record.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at H. A. Stoke's Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

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Those thinking of entering THE STAR'S Free Scholarship Contest should make up their minds at once and join us as early as possible. THE STAR will pay expenses—tuition, light, heat, furnished room and board for ONE FULL YEAR at the Clarion State Normal School, Clarion, Pa., for some young lady or gentleman who receives the highest vote. This will entitle the recipient to all the privileges of that splendid institution. The Scholarship offered by THE STAR will be furnished free of cost to the successful contestant and the readers and patrons of the paper will be asked to award the prize by a popular vote.

To the Second highest contestant THE STAR will give a Free Trip to Niagara Falls over the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway.

COUPONS will be printed in each issue, and when cut out and properly addressed, will be used. They can be mailed or sent to Smith M. McCreight, Esq., Secretary, who will place them in a sealed box until counted by the Judges each week.

PREMIUM COUPONS—Persons paying their back subscriptions, or in advance one year or more, can secure a Premium Coupon, at this office, which will entitle them to 36 votes or three votes for each month so paid. Any one sending or bringing in a new yearly cash subscriber will be entitled to a Premium Coupon, equal to 60 votes.

Persons desiring to enter the contest should begin as early as possible. As soon as the names are sent or handed in to THE STAR office they will be published, but the number of votes accompanying same will not be published until four weeks from this date (May 17th), when the vote each contestant has at that time will be published opposite the name and then the vote will be published as counted and returned by the Judges, from week to week.

Names of Contestants.

Miss Minnie B. Whitmore.....	Reynoldsville	2019	Walter B. Reynolds.....	Reynoldsville	40
Miss Elsie May Ross.....	Reynoldsville	5131	George Keagle.....	Rathmel	1866
Miss Margaret W. Davis.....	Reynoldsville	1660	E. R. Syphrit.....	Reynoldsville	2409

On Monday of each week the ballot box will be opened and the Coupons counted by the Judges, and the same published.

Following is the Coupon. Cut it out of THE STAR and vote for some deserving person who would appreciate the Scholarship.

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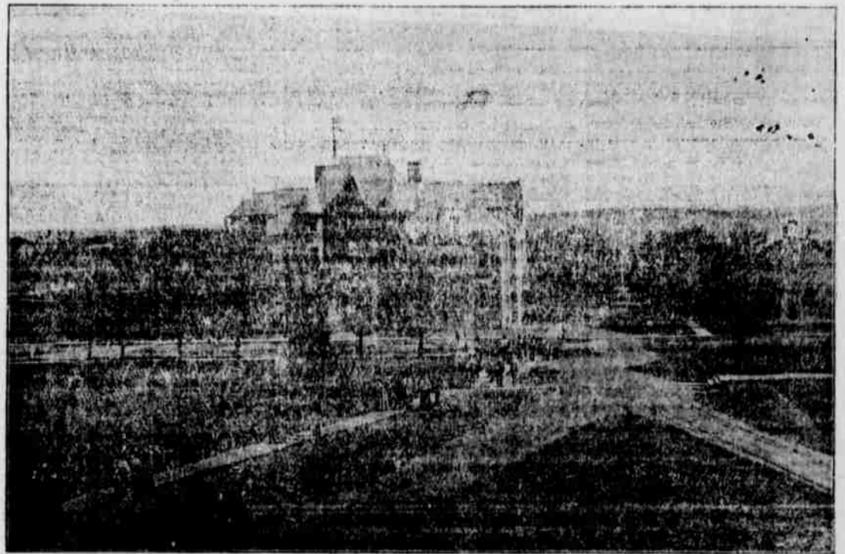
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ADDRESS.....

Write in the above lines the name and address of the person whom you wish to receive the Scholarship in the Clarion State Normal, Clarion, Pa. Not good after 30 days from date of Coupons. Forward same to secretary, Smith M. McCreight, Esq., where it will be counted. Contest closes at 12 M. August 28th, 1899. All business communications and inquiries should be mailed to THE STAR office. Receipts and Coupons promptly mailed to patrons.

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